

Odisha Congress
expels 5 party
workers over ink
attack on Sarat
Pattanayak

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC), taking a tough stance over the ink attack on president Sarat Pattanayak, Sunday expelled five party leaders for a period of six years on the charges of grave indiscipline.

The leaders who were expelled from the party include Prakash Mishra, General Secretary, OPCC, Shriyamita Panda, General Secretary Odisha Pradesh Mahila Congress, Sandip Routray, Secretary, NSUI, Amresh Parida, State Secretary, Youth Congress and Aryan Sasmal, State Secretary, NSUI. The OPCC's Disciplinary Action Committee in a letter on Sunday mentioned that the disturbing action of throwing ink at the party's state president June 21 by some office bearers is a "very undisciplined act" which damaged the image of the party.

"Based on TV footage, for such anti-party and indisciplinary activities, Sarat Pattanayak, President, OPCC have expelled the following congress persons for a period of 6 years," read a letter issued by Santosh Singh Saluja, Chairman of the Disciplinary Action Committee.

The party had initially accused that some miscreants carried out the misdeed at the behest of ruling Bharatiya Janata Party or some other political party. However, the expulsion order confirmed that the ink attack on Pattanayak was the handiwork of some disgruntled party workers.

Odisha CM announces Rs50 cr more for Tarini temple beautification



Keonjhar(KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Sunday announced an additional Rs50 crore for the development and beautification of Tarini temple at Ghatagaon in

Keonjhar district. Majhi, who is on a two-day visit to his home district beginning Sunday, made the announcement after offering puja at the temple. The Chief Minister said

that during his visit to the temple he realised that the ongoing Rs 50-crore renovation project needed additional funding. He said his government would request the Union

government to promote Keonjhar district, especially the Ma Tarini temple, as national-level tourist destination. Earlier in the day, Majhi, who is visiting his home district for the first time after assuming charge as Chief Minister, held a road show from Ghatagaon High school to Ma Tarini temple. The Chief Minister also offered puja at the Baladevjee temple in Keonjhar town and interacted with people. Majhi is scheduled to visit his native village Raikala on Monday, hold a roadshow, address a public meeting, and interact with people before returning to Bhubaneswar.

Odisha Food Supplies Minister Directs To Check Exorbitant Prices Of Essential



goods at affordable and reasonable prices and has mandated stringent measures against deceitful and dishonest traders. The Food Supply

Minister has asked the departmental officers to remain vigilant and prevent unscrupulous traders from exploiting consumer goods prices within the state, though

it has been a national issue. In response, the supplies department officials are inspecting major markets across the state, including Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Rourkela, Sambalpur, Puri and others. Additionally, Collectors of all districts have been tasked by the department to oversee the trading of essential commodities and district supplies officers have been directed to submit their reports to the department.

These Odisha Dists To Witness Moderate Rain

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicted thunderstorm and moderate rain with gusty wind in 14 districts of Odisha within next three hours. The districts are Nuapada, Kandhamal, Nayagarh, Puri, Cuttack,

parts of districts of Nuapada, Kandhamal, Nayagarh, Puri, Cuttack, Khorda (Bhubaneswar City), Ganjam, Gajapati, Malkanagiri, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapada, Bhadrak, Balasore and Raygada. "Light Thunderstorm with gusty wind speed reaching 30-40 kmph, Light to moderate rain likely to affect some

Under its impact, minor damage to loose and unsecured structures, banana trees, standing crops is likely to occur. People are advised to keep a watch on the weather for worsening conditions and be ready to move to safer places accordingly.

CBI files FIR over alleged irregularities in NEET-UG, sends special teams to Bihar, Gujarat

New Delhi(KCN): The CBI filed an FIR Sunday in connection with alleged irregularities in the medical entrance exam NEET-UG held May 5 on a reference from the Union education ministry, amid countrywide protests and litigation by students for a probe into paper leak claims.

Officials said the ministry alleged in a complaint, now part of the FIR, to the agency that "certain isolated incidents" occurred in a few states during the conduct of the examination.

Giving top priority to the case, the CBI has formed special teams that are en route to Godhra and Patna, where cases of question paper leaks have been

registered by police, they said. The agency plans to take over the investigation of these cases registered by the police in Gujarat and Bihar, they added. "Steps are being taken to take over cases registered by state police," an official said. The CBI action came a day after the ministry announced it would hand over the probe into the alleged irregularities to the central agency, a demand raised by a section of protesting students. "The ministry of education has requested the CBI to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the entire gamut of alleged irregularities, cheating, impersonation and malpractice have been reported in NEET-UG which was conducted on

trust and destruction of evidence by candidates, institutes and middlemen," a CBI spokesperson said. The role of public servants, if any, connected with the conduct of the examination and also into the entire gamut of events, and the larger conspiracy will also be under the scanner, according to the officials. They said the agency registered a fresh case against unidentified persons under IPC sections 120-B (criminal conspiracy) and 420 (cheating) among others. "Certain cases of alleged irregularities, cheating, impersonation and malpractice have been reported in NEET-UG

May 5," a senior education ministry official said on Saturday. "For transparency in the conduct of the examination process, it was decided after a review that the matter be handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for a comprehensive investigation," the official had said.



The allegations of irregularities sparked protests in several cities, litigation and a political slugfest, with the opposition accusing the government of toying with the future of students. Ten aspirants have approached the Supreme Court, seeking directions to the CBI and the ED to investigate the alleged irregularities in the NEET-UG

exam and a court-monitored investigation. The Supreme Court also halted proceedings on similar petitions in various high courts. The examination was conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) May 5 at 4,750 centres in 571 cities, including 14 cities abroad. Over 23 lakh candidates took the test. As many as 67 students scored a perfect 720, unprecedented in the NTA's history, with six from a centre in Haryana's Faridabad figuring in the list, raising suspicions about irregularities.

There was also a controversy over grace marks awarded to students to make up for the loss of time at six centres. The Centre later told the apex court that the grace marks were being scrapped and

Odisha CM holds roadshow in home district Keonjhar



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi held a roadshow in Ghatagaon Sunday on his maiden visit to his home district Keonjhar after taking the oath as the CM of the state.

Locals and BJP supporters queued up on both sides of the road and watched the procession, which inched its way through the street amid chants of 'Jai Shri Ram'. Many people were seen enthusiastically clicking pictures on their mobile phones.

After the roadshow, the chief minister paid floral tribute to Bhimsen Rout, a leader who played a major role in the development of Ghatagaon.

Majhi waved at enthusiastic crowds that gathered along the road.

The chief minister is scheduled to return to Bhubaneswar Monday evening.

Subhadra Yojana In 100 Days, Announces Deputy CM Pravati Parida



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Subhadra Yojana will be rolled out within 100 days and all women beneficiaries will get the benefit, informed Odisha Deputy CM Pravati Parida on Sunday. The state Cabinet has accorded its nod and it is in the drafting stage, Parida announced.

The Subhadra Yojana

will be launched within 100 days and all women will get assistance under the scheme," informed the Deputy CM. She further added that the Woman and Child Development Department is completely ready for the implementation of the scheme. "There would be requirements of budget for the Subhadra Yojana and Deputy CM KV Singh Deo is in Delhi and has attended the pre-budget meeting and GST council meeting chaired by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman," she added. Under the Subhadra Yojana, women will receive a voucher of Rs 50,000 to be encashed over a period of two years.

these 1,563 students would be given an option of a retest.

The NEET-UG examination is conducted by the NTA for admissions to MBBS, BDS, AYUSH and other related courses in government and private institutions across the country.

Facing flak over alleged discrepancies in competitive exams, the Centre Saturday shunted out NTA Director General Subodh Singh and set up a seven-member panel headed by former ISRO chief K Radhakrishnan to review the agency's functioning and recommend exam reforms. It postponed the NEET-PG entrance, the fourth entrance exam to be impacted in recent days.

Odisha CM Mohan Majhi pays tributes to Syama Prasad Mookerjee on death anniversary

Bhubaneswar (KCN):

Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Majhi paid tributes to Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder Syama Prasad Mookerjee on his death anniversary Sunday. Majhi, along with Odisha Assembly Speaker Surama Padhy and Law Minister Prithiviraj Harichandan, offered

floral tributes at Mookerjee's statue at a park named after him in Satsang Vihar area of Bhubaneswar. The state government is observing his death anniversary as 'Balidan Diwas'. In an X post, Majhi described Mookerjee as a symbol of national unity and integrity and paid homage to

him. Mookerjee, who was a politician, barrister and academician, served as the Minister for Industry and Supply in Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's cabinet. He founded the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, the predecessor of the BJP, in 1951.



'Soil Testing Programme' for Farmers by Tata Steel Foundation and IFFCO

110 farmers participated in the two-day event



Bamnipal, (KCN): A two-day 'Soil Testing Programme' for the farmers of Bamnipal region organised by Tata Steel Foundation (TSF), in collaboration with Indian Farm Forestry Development Cooperative (IFFCO), successfully concluded at Bamnipal Housing Complex of Tata Steel on Wednesday.

The soil testing was conducted through a 'Mobile Soil Testing Van' as part of 'World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought' celebrations aimed at educating farmers about the impact of soil health.

on agriculture and sustainable soil management practices. 110 farmers from the two blocks namely, Danagadi and Harichandanpur from Bamnipal region participated in the programme. During the programme, soil health testing was conducted on 110 soil samples from over 500 acres of farmland, and health reports for over 50 samples of soil were distributed to the farmers. Each report was explained in detail, providing the correct dosages of nutrients and fertilizers required for optimal soil health.

The programme focused on creating awareness among farmers on the importance of evaluating the five critical soil health parameters, namely phosphorus (P), potassium (K), pH levels, soil salinity (EC), and organic carbon content. The event included a comprehensive discussion with farmers, field inspections of various croplands, and demonstrations of soil sampling methods. Apart from this, an awareness session was conducted on the benefits of adopting bio-fertilizers. Furthermore, IFFCO's 'Mobile Soil Testing Van',

equipped with an in-built lab, played a vital role in educating the farmers on soil health and conducting on-the-spot analyses for proper demonstration. The workshop concluded with the distribution of soil health cards among the farmers. Collaborative initiatives such as these, underscore Tata Steel Foundation's effort towards promoting sustainable and climate-resilient agricultural practices and enhance the knowledge and productivity of farmers in the region, thereby fortifying livelihoods for the future.

1st CS State Conference hosted by Bhubaneswar Chapter of ICSI on the theme 'Abhyudaya'



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): The Bhubaneswar Chapter of the Eastern India Regional Council (EIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) successfully organized its first CS State Conference at Mayfair Convention, focusing on the theme "Abhyudaya - Rise of CS in the Dawn of Governance". The event, held on 22 and 23 June 2024, brought together prominent dignitaries, industry experts, and over 250 company secretaries from across Odisha.

Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Industries, Skill Development & Technical Education, Government of Odisha, Sj. Sampad Chandra Swain graced the conference as Chief Guest with his presence and shared valuable insights on governance and compliance strategies for upcoming industries in the state, and also invited suggestions from the professionals to foster State's industrial inclusive growth. The event also featured esteemed Guests of Honour, including CA Rajib Sekhar Sahoo, Member Company Law Committee from the

Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Shri Himanshu Shekhar, Registrar of Companies cum OL, Cuttack. Key highlights of the conference included informative sessions on various governance topics. CS Ravichandran K S delivered a keynote address on Compounding, Penalty & Adjudication, while CA Bisworanjan Sutar addressed the complexities of Audit Trials in compliance.

The conference was meticulously organized by the Bhubaneswar Chapter of EIRC of ICSI, under the leadership of CS Rudra Madhab



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Priyanka Chopra Drops Sizzling Throwback Picture With Her 'Baby' Katrina Kaif

Global Star Priyanka Chopra takes over the internet with every single one of her posts on social media. Her cute pictures of Maltie Marie to the monthly dumps, all create a major buzz on the internet. She recently dropped an old picture of hers with an actress and fans are in shock.

Priyanka took a trip down memory lane as she dropped an old

picture with actress Katrina Kaif. She shared a snapshot of the two from some function back in the day and it went viral within hours. Sharing the picture, she wrote, "Woah... Dunno who took it and when this picture was taken but babies...@katrinakaif" The actresses can be seen wearing shimmering clothes and smiling at the

shutterbugs. Priyanka Chopra and Katrina Kaif will be soon seen in Farhan Akhtar's 'Jee Le Zara' alongside Alia Bhatt. Akhtar announced the film in 2021 and quickly



Akhtar's 'Jee Le Zara' alongside Alia Bhatt. Akhtar announced the film in 2021 and quickly

became one of the most anticipated films. However, since then, there have been no major updates.

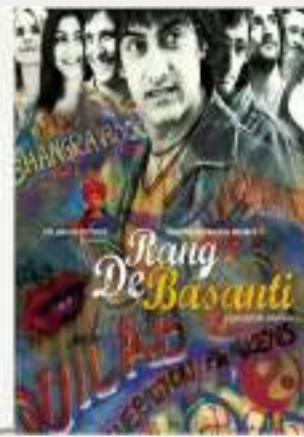
Priyanka Chopra is married to Hollywood singer-actor Nick Jonas and they have a daughter Maltie Marie who recently made it to actress' Instagram. Katrina on the other hand, tied the knot to actor Vicky Kaushal a couple years back and

received a love-filled congratulations from her pal Priyanka.

PeeCee shared the wedding picture of Vicky-Katrina on her Insta story and wrote, "So happy for you! Mere yaar ki shaadi hai! Congratulations both of you!"

Not many Bollywood actresses' share a very good bond but clearly, these two are an exception.

Shahid Kapoor regrets turning down 'Rang De Basanti': 'Cried reading the script'



Shahid Kapoor is basking in the success of his latest film, 'Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya'. While speaking about the film and his career to Neha Dhupia, Shahid made a rather shocking revelation. He shared that he was offered a part in the 2006 hit film 'Rang De Basanti', which he eventually declined due to date issues. Headlined by Aamir Khan,

'Rang De Basanti' starred an ensemble cast including Siddharth, Atul Kulkarni, Sharman Joshi, Kunal Kapoor and Soha Ali Khan, among others. It was helmed by Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra. Shahid recently appeared on Neha Dhupia's talk show, No Filter Neha Season 6, where he revealed that the makers of the film had approached him for the role of Karan Singhania. The role was eventually played by Siddharth. Sharing why he turned down the offer, Shahid said, "I regret not doing the film. They wanted me to play the role of Siddharth. I'd cried while reading the script and loved it, but unfortunately, I couldn't make time for it." Meanwhile, work-wise, Shahid was last seen in the film 'Teri Baaton Mein Uljha Jiya' would have a sequel.

Cannes Film Festival: 7 Indian Films Set To Make A Mark At International Platform

The 77th edition of the Cannes Film Festival is set to be held in the French Riviera from May 14 with India set to make its mark on the canvas of the prestigious film festival, considered one of the world's biggest film festivals.

Seven films from India will be a part of the festival. One of the films, and India's big hopes comes in the form of the Malayalam film 'All We Imagine As Light'.

The film, directed by Payal Kapadia, will be screened at the festival on May 23.

'All We Imagine As Light' follows the story of two roommates who serve as nurses at a hospital. How love and self-discovery bring about a change in their perspectives forms the crux of the story.

The film will be the 1st Indian film in the main segment (Palme d'Or) of Cannes, the last was 'Swaham' which was released in 1994.



Another film to be screened at the festival is 'Santosh'. The film is directed by British-Indian filmmaker Sandhya Suri and will be screened at the Un Certain Regard section of 2024 Cannes Film Festival.

Santosh stars Shahana Goswami in the lead role and follows the story of a newly widowed woman who inherits her husband's job as a police constable in rural northern India.

Then there's the Kannada short film 'Sunflowers Were The First Ones To Know' which will be screened under the Cinéfondation or La Cinef section of the Cannes Film Festival. The film is directed by FTII student Chidanand Naik.

The Smita Patil and Naseeruddin Shah-starrer 'Manthan', which was released in 1976, is set to be screened under the Cannes Classics selection. The film also starred Girish Karnad and Kulbhushan Kharbanda.

Actress Radhika Apte's film 'Sister Midnight' too has been selected under the Directors' Fortnight category at the Cannes Film Festival, this year.

The film, directed by Karan Kandhari, is about a wife who navigates the challenges of married life in a slum. Having suffered oppression, she aims to seek revenge.

'In Retreat', directed by Syed Maisam Ali Shah, tells the story of a man who returns to his hometown after many years. The film is set to be screened under the Association for the Distribution of Independent Cinema Section.

The final film on the list is 'The Shameless' directed by Bulgarian director Konstantin Bojanov.

The film's story is set in India, and it has been shot across Nepal and India.

'The Shameless' follows the story of Rani, an Indian sex worker, who goes on a pilgrimage to a remote temple, where she confronts her past, including a love affair, who is imprisoned for murder in Bangalore. The film will be screened under the Un Certain Regard section.

Dunki Review: Shah Rukh Khan, Rajkumar Hirani's Film Will Open Your Heart To Love And Emotions



lifelong dream of going to England. But getting a visa and going through the so-called legal route is far more arduous than they imagined. They decide to go 'dunki' and are willing to put themselves through the most dangerous situations just to set foot on the land of promise, England. But is it really what it seems? Driven by the images and tales of the picture-perfect postcard life of the many who had preceded them, they push their way halfway around the globe. From Pakistan to Afghanistan, Iran to Turkey, Portugal, and finally England. This is where reality bites! "God has created the world for all," says

Taapsee's Mannu. "Why can't we share a bit of the same? Why don't you give us a chance to work and help you," says Hardy. As Hardy tells a judge that he has no fear in his own country, all he wants is for people to get a chance to fulfill their dreams wherever. Open your hearts, don't judge people for where they come from, is the message loud and clear! A world that has divided humanity based on ethnicity and religion, where many are willing to forsake their identities for a few dollars more. Dunki comes packed with Hirani's signature style, blending a strong message with humor and moving images. There are no chest-

thumping or long-winding monologues. Vicky Kaushal, The Scene-Stealer Shah Rukh Khan is the star of the show and is equally complemented by Taapsee Pannu, who endears as Mannu and the rest. However, the scene-stealer is Vicky Kaushal, who has a cameo but brings out his character Suki's pathos poignantly. The first half is hilarious, though a bit slow. The film gains momentum in the second half and will move many who will be able to identify with the scenario. After all, there is no place like home, good, bad, or ugly; it's where we belong and it belongs to us.

Jaane Jaan New Poster Out: Kareena Kapoor, Vijay Varma, Jaideep Ahlawat Raise Curiosity

Makers of the upcoming thriller film 'Jaane Jaan' on Sunday unveiled a new poster. Taking to Instagram, the OTT platform Netflix shared the poster which they captioned, "Every story has 2 sides, but this one has 3. Unravel the mystery of #JaaneJaan on 21 September, only on Netflix!" The new poster features the lead cast of the film Kareena Kapoor Khan, Vijay Varma and Jaideep Ahlawat. Helmed by Sujoy Ghosh 'Jaane Jaan' is all set to stream on the OTT platform Netflix from September 21. Recently the makers unveiled the

film's official trailer which received massive responses from the fans. 'Jaane Jaan's trailer gives a glimpse into all the mysterious happenings in the chilly and pine-tree-covered Kalimpong, as it delves into the complex intertwined relationships and secrets. Maya (Kareena Kapoor Khan), Naren (Jaideep Ahlawat) and Karan (Vijay Varma) navigate through a web of emotions and unforeseen circumstances as they cover up and uncover clues in a bid to outwit each other. Brace yourself for a journey that will evoke both love and thrill and keep you on the edge of

your seat as you witness power house performances, all through the lens of Sujoy Ghosh. Talking about the trailer launch of the film, Director and Writer, Sujoy Ghosh earlier said, "I am so excited that the audiences finally get to see a glimpse of 'Jaane Jaan', a film extremely close to my heart. Set in Kalimpong the film sees a love story, a criminal investigation, a budding attraction, mastermind plotting and the will to do anything for love. Essayed by my dream cast of Kareena, Jaideep and Vijay, all in roles so different from what they have been seen

in before. On 21st September, this film will be yours, across the world you'll get to see this thriller come to life and I cannot wait to see what you think!" Kareena Kapoor earlier said, "I am so excited the trailer is finally yours to see! This is the first time audiences will see me in a thriller, playing something gritty like this. 'Jaane Jaan' was a script that I had to say YES to the first time I heard of it. I have always told Sujoy the USP of this film is its cast and I had a superb time working with Jaideep and Vijay. I can't wait for Netflix audiences to enjoy 'Jaane Jaan'."

Additional Evidence in Appeal



Adv. Narayan Jain & CA Dilip Loyalka

In appeal many a times the assessee needs to adduce Additional Evidence in appeal. We are dealing with some Frequently asked questions with the help of relevant decisions on the issue.

1. Under what circumstances CIT(A) can admit additional evidence or a fresh evidence?

As per section 250 read with Rule 46A, the CIT(A) or Joint Commissioner (Appeals) may admit additional or fresh evidence which have not been produced before the A.O., in the undermentioned

circumstances:

[i] where the A.O. has refused to admit evidence which ought to have been admitted or

[ii] where the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from producing the evidence which was called upon to produce by the A.O. or

[iii] where the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from producing before the A.O. any evidence which is relevant to any ground of appeal, or

[iv] where the A.O. has made the order appealed against without giving sufficient opportunity to the

appellant to adduce evidence relevant to any ground of appeal. Before admitting any additional evidence CIT(A) has to -

1. record reasons, for its admission in writing.

2. allow a reasonable opportunity to the A.O. to examine the evidence or document or to cross-examine the witness produced by the appellant or to produce any evidence or document or any witness in rebuttal of the additional evidence produced by the appellant before admitting any fresh evidence stated above.

Failure to do so will amount to violation of Rule 46A - Enzen Global Solutions (P) Ltd. v. ITO [2022] 144 taxmann.com 2 (Bangalore - Trib.). However the above requirements are not applicable in case CIT(A), using his powers u/s 251(1)(a)

read with Rule 46A(4) directs for the production of any document, or the examination of any witness to enable him to dispose of the appeal or for any other substantial cause including imposition of penalty u/s 271 or the enhancement of the assessment or penalty. Such enhancement may be made by the CIT(A)

on his own motion or on the request of the A.O. as provided in Rule 46A(4) - United Cores (P) Ltd. v. ACIT 16 CCH 0229 Del. Trib, DCIT v. MKV (ARMOURS) (P) Ltd. 41 CCH 0365 (Luck). Further it is obligatory for the CIT(A) to verify of the assessee's claim and the explanations put forth which were never before the AO in the ex parte assessment proceedings - ACIT v. Raffi Baig [2015] 43 CCH 0187 (Bang. Trib).

Where the additional information is relevant for calculation of real

income, the CIT(A) should accept the additional evidence - Pr. CIT v. Daljit Singh Sra 80 taxmann.com 271 (P & H).

2. Where assessee furnishes additional evidence before CIT(A) without proper application for admission of the same, can CIT reject the same merely for want of proper application?

If the CIT(A) found that the assessee has furnished evidence without an application for admission of additional evidences, the CIT(A) should direct the assessee to file the additional evidences along with application for admission of the same and after accepting the same, he should call for remand report from AO - Pabitra Mohan Samal v. ITO [2020] 114 taxmann.com 403 (Cuttack - Trib).

Where assessee due to his wife's illness was prevented from producing evidences before Assessing Officer in

support of its claim, Commissioner (Appeals) could not refuse to admit such evidences for want of an appropriate application under rule 46A - Padam Lal Dua v. ITO [2016] 76 taxmann.com 354 (Delhi - Trib.)/[2017] 162 ITD 524 (Delhi - Trib.).

3. Can an assessee produce additional or fresh evidence before ITAT?

Generally, the parties to the appeal shall not be entitled to produce additional evidence whether oral or documentary before the Tribunal. But if the Tribunal requires any document to be produced or any witness to be examined or any affidavit to be filed to enable it to pass orders or for any other substantial cause, or, if the I.T. authorities have decided the case without giving sufficient opportunity to the assessee to adduce evidence either on points

specified by them or not specified by them, the Tribunal (for reasons to be recorded) may allow such document to be produced or witness to be examined or affidavit to be filed or may allow such evidence to be adduced.

It has been held by the Rajasthan High Court in the case of CIT v. Rao Raja Hanut Singh [2001] 117 Taxman 613 (Raj.) that it is well settled that production of additional evidence at the appellate stage is not a matter of right to the litigating party but within the discretion of the court, which is to be exercised judiciously after following Rule 29 of Income-tax (Appellate Tribunal) Rules, 1963.

The question whether discretion has been exercised judiciously or not cannot obviously be ordinarily a question of law unless it can be disputed or found that in exercising that discretion the Tribunal has ignored some well-settled legal principles in the matter of

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The significance of Nalanda University revival

The revival of Nalanda, which became the ocean of knowledge for the whole world centuries ago and was destroyed by invaders, is a very big and revolutionary step.



the whole world centuries ago and was burnt to ashes and destroyed by the invaders, is a very big and revolutionary step. After the construction of Shri Ram temple, Nalanda has become another example of the revival of our nation. There is something that our existence does not fade away.

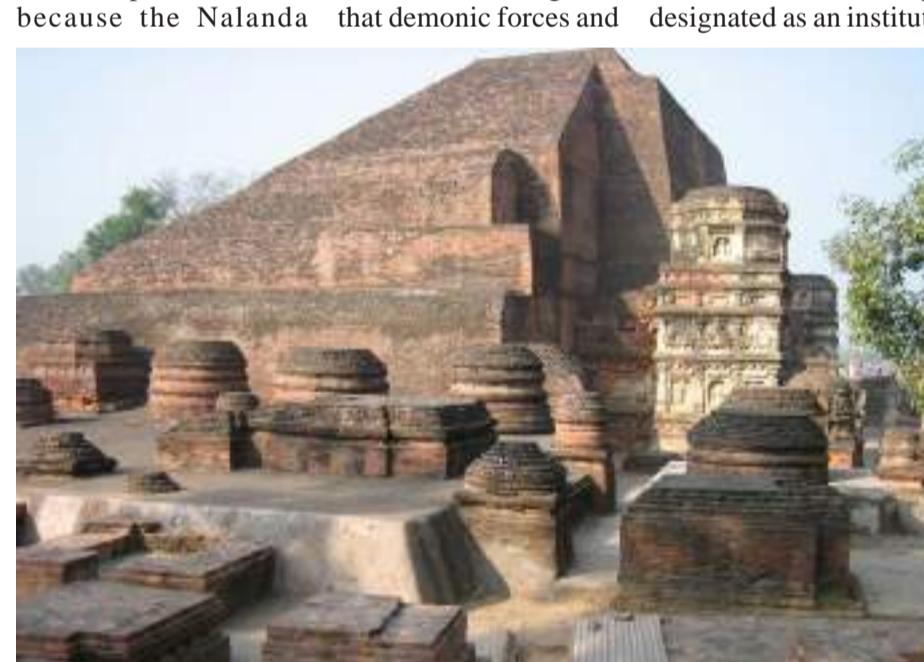
The construction of a new building near the ruins of the ancient university in Nalanda is making us proud. Although buildings are built every day, but this new construction in Nalanda is unique, it is a matter of pride for the country. In Nalanda, Modi has also said that "I see Nalanda as an auspicious sign for India's development journey. Nalanda is not just a name. Nalanda is an identity, an honour. Nalanda is a value, Nalanda is a mantra, a pride, a saga. Nalanda is the proclamation of the truth that books may burn in the flames but the flames cannot erase knowledge."

The destruction of Nalanda had filled India with darkness. Now its restoration is going to start the golden age of India."

Modi has spoken the truth because the invaders destroyed the splendour of Nalanda thrice. It was rebuilt twice. In the 12th century, Bakhtiar Khilji, the commander of Qutubuddin Aibak, set fire to the library of Nalanda University which had millions of books. According to

historians, this destructive fire raged for three months, due to which everything was destroyed there. The fire set in Nalanda was not an attempt to destroy any building or library, but an attempt to hurt the pride of India because the Nalanda

of Nalanda during the sixth century AD. According to historians, admission in Nalanda was not easy centuries ago. Students seeking admission here had to go through a tough interview process. All this was so grand that demonic forces and



the buildings went away happily but just as the seven rays of the sun illuminate the environment once the darkness of the dark clouds clears, the light of education has once again started emanating from Nalanda University, designated as an institute

will be useful only when we work dedicatedly for educational upliftment. Only educational upliftment can make the concept of a developed India a reality.

I have been a professor at Delhi University for more than four decades. Due to my long experience as a teacher, I believe that education and development complement each other. Every stage of development can be reached only by climbing the ladder of education. If we want to see India as a developed country by the year 2047 on the occasion of completion of 100 years of independence, then this is possible only due to education but it is not so simple and easy. For this, a lot of work will have to be done for the universities of the country. Government universities will have to be energized. All the states will have to compete to strengthen the structure of their respective universities.

The condition of education and government universities in the country from primary education to post-graduation is very worrying. Education has been ignored in the seventy years after independence. Adequate provisions for education were not made in the budget. This is the reason why our government universities and other higher institutions

lagged behind. In our country, private universities are continuously expanding, earning money but on the contrary, universities funded by UGC are lagging behind. The infrastructure of most of our universities is not strong. They lack world-class smart class rooms. There is a lack of good auditoriums, libraries, academic blocks and excellent labs. In India, which was the main centre of education in the entire world in ancient times, in India where the most important and famous Nalanda University, one of the first universities of higher education in the world, was established, the current condition of universities in that India is worth thinking about.

Because of this, higher education in the country is lagging behind in terms of quality. Children of rich people go abroad for higher education and settle down there after making a career. Children of common people are facing exploitation in private universities. If the condition of universities with UGC funding is improved, the situation can be changed. This is possible only when we bring our universities into the world rankings. We will work towards making them big brands. However, the Modi government has started efforts for educational upliftment. The new education policy is proof of this. Modi believes that "when education develops, the roots of

economy and culture also become strong."

If we look at the developed countries, we will find that they became economic and cultural leaders only when they became educational leaders. Today, students from all over the world want to go to those countries and study. Once such a situation used to exist in our institutions like Nalanda and Vikramshila."

Modi has a vision, he is doing extensive work and is restoring the country's glory. The period in which we are living now is a period of revolutionary, glorious and big positive changes for India. The whole world is accepting our culture. People are inclined towards India's glorious and ancient culture. Even the youth who were attracted towards western culture are adopting our culture again. Modi's dream is to make India a world leader. This dream can come true with the help of education. Today, Nalanda has risen again. On the same lines, universities of the entire country should be taken forward on the path of progress. This work cannot be done by leaving it to the government or the concerned university administration. For this, everyone will have to work together.

(The author is a renowned educationist, thinker and speaker. He has been a professor at Delhi University for 44 years.)



The Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Smt. Sheikh Hasina Departure to Bangladesh from Delhi Airport, in New Delhi

Cloudburst Triggers Floods In Arunachal Pradesh, Rescue Ops Underway

Arunachal Pradesh (KCN): Following a cloudburst, several areas of Arunachal Pradesh's Itanagar city have been inundated, causing significant damage to residents' property. Reports indicated that numerous houses and vehicles have been damaged due to the floodwaters. The capital complex witnessed incidents of landslides affecting both vehicle and house premises. Denizens are urged to remain vigilant and cautious amid the inclement weather conditions.

Authorities have been monitoring the situation closely. Efforts are underway to assist affected residents and manage the aftermath of the natural disaster. The



local administration has been taking all the necessary steps. The state of Arunachal Pradesh has been witnessing continuous rainfall. Earlier on Tuesday, the Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Capital Itanagar announced the

immediate closure of the road from Nirjuli to Banderdewa due to severe damage caused by continuous rainfall in the Karsingsa area. A portion of the road has slid down, and a culvert has been washed away, rendering the route impassable.

After a thorough site inspection by the District Administration, Police, and Highway Department, it was decided to close the affected road segment and divert all traffic via Gumto. Notably, several landslide incidents have

been reported in many places in the state of Arunachal Pradesh following heavy rainfall. It is noteworthy that the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a weather forecast, stating that heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places in Arunachal Pradesh in the next five days. For the next seven days, IMD has forecast that light to moderate rain is very likely to occur at most places in Arunachal Pradesh. Meanwhile, the southwest monsoon has marked its arrival in Maharashtra in regions like Navsari, Jalgaon, Amravati, Chandrapur, and in different regions like Bijapur, Sukma, Malkangiri, Vizianagaram, and Islampur.

NEW ERA OF LOCAL BROADCASTING FOR BARAMULLA AND URI



Srinagar, (Aasif Malik): The Community Radio Stations at Baramulla and Uri, established by Dagger Division, were inaugurated by GOC Chinar Corps at a simple ceremony at Baramulla today. With their tag lines as 'Radio Baramulla 89.6FM- Alfaaz Hamare Ehsas Aapke' and 'Radio Uri 90.0FM- Padahon ki Dhun', these stations strive to provide a voice to the local communities and serve as vibrant platforms for locals, achievers, government schemes, news and culture, in addition to being a medium for entertainment. The Chinar Corps Commander also felicitated local children who have excelled in various fields ranging from Martial Arts to education, thus encouraging them to strive for excellence. The Guest of Honour urged the citizens of Baramulla and Uri to exploit this new platform to share their stories, aspirations and dreams. Both stations have hired and trained local children as RJs, providing them an opportunity to develop this unique skill, thus giving them a launchpad to further shape their future. The citizens of Baramulla and Uri welcomed the initiative of the Dagger Division, as these stations give them a sense of belongingness and a fresh medium of entertainment.

Arvind Kejriwal Approaches Supreme Court Against High Court's Stay On Bail



New Delhi (KCN): Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has approached the Supreme Court, challenging the Delhi High Court's pause on his bail in a corruption case related to the liquor policy case till a petition by the Enforcement Directorate is heard. The Central agency had challenged the bail granted to Mr Kejriwal hours before he was to leave Tihar jail. On Friday, the high court said till it heard the agency's petition, the trial

court order for bail will not take effect. Mr Kejriwal's lawyers have sought a hearing tomorrow. Mr Kejriwal was arrested by the ED on charges of money laundering. The agency has alleged that the Chief Minister got money from the liquor lobby for framing the excise policy and it was used to fund his Aam Aadmi Party's election campaign in Goa. He has been in jail since March 21 except for a brief interim bail granted

by the Supreme Court ahead of the general election.

In its latest petition, the ED argued that the trial court's order granting bail to Mr Kejriwal was "perverse" and had serious procedural irregularities. The court's order was flawed, it said, since it was based on wrong information. "On wrong facts, wrong dates, you come to a conclusion that mala fide," Additional Solicitor General (ASG) SV Raju, representing the ED, had said.

Mr Kejriwal's wife, Sunita Kejriwal said his bail order was challenged even before it was uploaded on the court's website. "Even before the bail order was uploaded, the ED went to the high court to get it stayed. Dictatorship has crossed all limits in the country," she said.

Patna (KCN): The three men arrested in Bihar in connection with the alleged paper leak of the medical entrance exam NEET, had copies of all the question papers and the answer sheets, said sources in the HRD ministry after the police sent in its investigation report. So far 13 people have been arrested in Bihar in connection with the case. The police found photocopies of admit cards of four NEET candidates, an iPhone 15 Plus and One Plus mobile from them. After questioning the men -- Sikandar Yadav, Akhilesh Kumar and Bittu Kumar -- the police found they circulated the papers and answer sheets among the four candidates. The conspiracy involved the arrested men, and a few others -- Sanjeev Singh, Rocky, Nitish and

Amit Anand, sources said. The questioning of the candidates revealed that besides them, 25-30 other candidates also received the question paper and the solved answer sheets. The arrested men said they had charged each candidate 30 to 40 lakh to help them pass the exam, sources said. The Central Bureau of Investigation has now taken over the probe into

the alleged paper leak after a complaint was filed by the HRD ministry. They have filed a case of fraud and criminal conspiracy and are expected to take charge of the people arrested in the case as well. The ministry has also asked the CBI to inquire into the role of public servants, if any, connected with the holding of the exam and the "larger conspiracy", sources said. Student protests have been raging across the country after allegations of multiple irregularities including cheating and impersonation surfaced following the declaration of results. The students have been demanding the exam be rescheduled for everyone and not the 1500-odd students who received grace marks. This, however, has not been accepted by the government and the retest for 1,563 candidates, who had initially received grace marks, is being held today. The matter has snowballed into a huge political row with the Opposition backing the protesting students.



Odisha CM Orders Strengthening River Embankments To Tackle Floods

Four technical committees asked to submit reports within 100 days

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Saturday held a meeting with the senior officials of the Water Resources Department to review the preparedness of possible flood management during the current monsoon season. In the review meeting, Majhi directed the departmental officials

to immediately strengthen all the weak river embankments; remain alert during floods and take necessary measures to tackle the deluge. Besides, the Chief Minister reviewed the details of the ongoing works under various schemes of the Water Resources Department and directed the officials to complete the projects within the stipulated



Two Kumki elephants return to Similipal from Satkosia

Keonjhar(KCN): Two Kumki (trained) male elephants — Mahendra and Rajkumar — deployed in Satkosia sanctuary under Angul district for the last five years have returned to Kendumundi area of Similipal sanctuary in Mayurbhanj district, their home base. The tuskers were carried on two Hyva trucks on NH-49 through Keonjhar district with protection. Forest officials of Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar and Angul forest divisions along with an elephant expert and veterinary team escorted the elephants to Kendumundi, sources said. Forest officials took special measures for their transportation during summer. Besides provision of sufficient food, the animals were



bathed through water cannons by the Fire department at different places on their way in Mayurbhanj and Keonjhar districts. Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar HD Dhanraj said, "The two elephants are 'kumki' as they have been trained. After spending five years

in Satkosia sanctuary under Angul forest division, they have now returned to their home station." According to sources, the two trained elephants of Similipal sanctuary along with their Mahouts (handlers) had been taken to Satkosia sanctuary

around five years back to monitor the Royal Bengal tigress 'Sundari'. The tigress had spread panic in the area, pouncing on livestock and attacking people. After Sundari was shifted, the two kumkis remained there for years.

time. Further, CM Majhi today ordered the formation of four technical teams to fulfil the poll promises including formulation of policies for better flood control and management, Mahanadi river rejuvenation and review of rule curve, formulation of water conservation policy, improvement of inland

waterways and timely removal of silt from the reservoirs.

The members of the four technical committees have been directed to submit a report within 100 days. In this review meeting, Development Commissioner and ACS of Water Resources Department Anu Garg, and other senior officials were present.

BeMC politics: BJD tries to keep flock united after poll defeat



Berhampur(KCN): Apprehending defection and horse trading following the poll debacle, Biju Janata Dal (BJD) is keeping a close watch on its 36 corporators in Berhampur Municipal Corporation (BeMC), sources said Friday.

BJD has gone on the defensive after its drubbing by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the recently concluded Lok Sabha and Assembly elections. The crumbling of the BJD fort in Ganjam district has sparked concern among its leaders who now fear that the ruling BJP might poach its corporators or the latter might defect to the saffron party. Chatters are abuzz over the course of the future

politics in Ganjam district. The debacle of BJD has given rise to new political equations in the southern district. While 36 wards of BeMC are under Berhampur Assembly segment, rest six wards come under Gopalpur Assembly segment. In the 2022 civic body elections, BJD won in 30 wards out of the total 42 wards of BeMC. While BJD secured victory in seven wards, the Congress won in one ward and Independents in four wards.

Four corporators from BJP and two Independents defected to BJD before the general elections held this year. As a result, the number of BJD corporators rose to 36 in the civic body.

party has also formed the government in the state. Apprehending foul play and horse trading, the defeated BJD candidate and party's district president Ramesh Chandra Chyau Patnaik has launched efforts in advance to plug the loopholes and prevent any defection. During a discussion he informed that the party is keeping a track on the movements of its 36 corporators.

Notably, BJP had launched a tirade against the BJD before and after the civic body elections here. The BJP candidate and their campaigners tried to attract voters during the Assembly election by highlighting corruption and irregularities in the BeMC. BJP had also organised several demonstrations and agitations in front of the BeMC office before the 2024 elections.

Meanwhile, the BJP candidate for Berhampur Lok Sabha segment and the party candidate from Berhampur Assembly constituency have won with good margin of votes. This has concerned the BJD leaders, workers, and the elected party corporators of BeMC.



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Modicare Limited launches Blue Light Shield range under its color cosmetics brand, Urban Color London

New Delhi: Modicare Limited, one of India's leading direct selling companies, recently launched Blue Light Shield, a gender-neutral and efficacious skincare range to combat the harmful effects of Blue Light rays. Owing to the pandemic and the work-from-home culture, the average screen-time has significantly increased, raising concern over Blue Light's adverse effects on the skin. Since it has the ability to penetrate deeper into the skin, excess exposure to Blue Light rays can lead to a number of skin concerns, including premature ageing and hyper-pigmentation. Urban Color London's Blue Light Shield range leverages innovation and technology to offer the

consumers a 'Screenguard' against the high energy Blue Light emitted from digital devices and provides modern day solution to the new-age skin concerns. The range comprises of a meticulously designed five-step regime—Gentle Face Wash, Resurfacing Gel Scrub, Deep Clean Coffee Masque, Reset Serum Oil and Moisturising Crème. The products have been formulated using Urban Color London's proprietary technology that neutralises effects of Blue Light rays. The hero ingredient in the range is Carotolino* Active, a combination of Beta-Carotene, Carrot Root Extract and Carrot Seed Oil that unite in a perfect base to provide complete protection from

SpiceJet and Axis Bank launch co-branded credit card

GURUGRAM: SpiceJet, the country's favourite airline and Axis Bank, India's third largest private sector bank, have partnered to launch the most rewarding co-branded credit card, powered by Visathat will offer a host of privileges and benefits to customers. The card comes in two variants—SpiceJet Axis Bank Voyage and Voyage Black, and is aimed at facilitating a superlative travel experience for flyers through SpiceClub, the first frequent flyer program by a low cost carrier in India.

Through this collaboration, the two

brands hope to capitalize on the resurgent demand for travel following two years of stagnation caused by the pandemic. Further, with the shared goal of expanding their reach to Tier 2 & 3 cities and other synergies, the brands are committed to serving a much larger populace.

SpiceJet Axis Bank Voyage & Voyage Black credit cards were officially launched at Indira Gandhi International airport in the presence of Ajay Singh, Chairman and MD, SpiceJet and Amitabh Chaudhary, MD & CEO, Axis Bank, where they unveiled a special

SpiceJet-Axis Bank credit card livery on a SpiceJet Boeing 737 MAX aircraft.

The products are designed to enable customers use the rewards earned on their daily spends for booking flights and add-ons, thus encouraging both travel and digital payments embedded with benefits of SpiceJet's frequent flyer program, SpiceClub.

Customers can earn benefits up to 7% on the Voyage Black credit card which is a Top-tier offering in the travel credit card segment. In addition, the redemption of earned points does not

Seminar on Income Tax Search for Ficci Ladies



Kolkata, (KCN): An Interactive session on How to Handle Income Tax Search was organised by FICCI FLO at auditorium of IMI, Kolkata. RS Upadhyay former Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, enlightened shared the reasons due to which

an Income Tax Search may be conducted in any premises. He explained that a lawyer cannot be called during search as a matter of Right, but department may allow in some cases. He also suggested how to explain cash found during search. Adv Narayan

Jain said that while conducting a search at a residence a lady officer is generally accompanied. Jain shared the tips of the role of ladies if no male member is at home. He also told the rights of taking two respectable witnesses from the premises or nearby

places to be present during search. Jain advised that certain amount of jewellery which is shown in wealth tax or valuation report is generally not seized. Central Board of Direct Taxes has instructed that even if there is no wealth tax

file gold ornaments upto 500 gms Per married lady and 250 gms in case of unmarried lady are not seized. In case of male member this relief is upto 100 gms per person.

Pramod Dugar explained how to explain jewellery found during search. He advised to take remaking bill in case any jewellery is converted. Mr. Upadhyay and Mr. Jain advised to keep supporting papers in case jewellery was received on the occasion of marriage or other function from relatives. Ms Shradha Murarka (President FLO) and Ms Dipti Khaitan moderated very well. Many members actively participated and asked interesting questions which were answered by the speakers.

PARADEEP PHOSPHATES LIMITED INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING TO OPEN

Mumbai: Paradeep Phosphates Limited (The "Company") to open its initial public offering (the "Offer") on May 17, 2022. The Anchor Investor Bid/Offer Period is one Working Day prior to Bid/Offer Opening Date, that is, May 13, 2022.

The Price Band of the Offer has been fixed at ₹39 per Equity Share to ₹42 per Equity Share of face of ₹10 each. Bids can be made for a minimum of 350 Equity Shares and in multiples of 350 Equity Shares thereafter.

The Issue offer comprises (i) fresh issue of equity shares face value ₹10 each share aggregating to ₹10,040

million (The "Fresh Issue") and (ii) Offer for Sale up to 118,507,493 equity shares by Promoter Selling Shareholders and GoI Selling Shareholder (The "Offer for Sale").

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India. (The "Promoter Selling Shareholders" and GoI Selling Shareholder)

The Equity Shares offered in this Offer are proposed to be listed on both BSE Limited ("BSE") and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE", together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges").

Axis Capital Limited, ICICI Securities Limited, JM Financial Limited and SBI Capital Markets Limited are the Book Running Lead Managers to the Offer.

Sony announces the Next-Gen Smart BRAVIA 32W830K Google TV

Bhubaneswar : Sony India today announced the launch of BRAVIA 32W830K television with attractive picture quality and life like sound. The all-new 80 cm (32) HD ready Google TV lets you enjoy movies, games and shows from apps or broadcast in an instant with advanced voice controls and built-in Chromecast.

Now seamlessly integrate Google TV and bring together more than 700,000 movies, shows, live TV and more from apps and subscriptions and organize seamlessly. With BRAVIA 32W830K, browse content from across your apps, intelligently organized just for you. Customers can easily find something to watch with personalized recommendations and bookmark shows and movies by adding a watchlist from phone and watch it on TV to keep track of what to watch. Users can even add to their Watchlist from their phone or laptop with Google Search and find everything in one place. BRAVIA 32W830K supports Apple Home Kit and AirPlay that seamlessly integrates Apple devices like iPads and iPhones with the TV for effortless content streaming. Easily control your TV with Hands-free voice capabilities. The hands-free voice control is built into the TV, no need to reach for the remote every time to search for entertainment, get answers, or control the TV and smart home devices. Simply say, "OK Google" to issue a voice command.

JSW Infrastructure begins commercial operations at Paradip East Quay Terminal in Odisha

Paradip/ Bhubaneswar : JSW Infrastructure, India's leading ports company and part of US\$ 13 billion JSW Group, has begun commercial operations at Paradip East Quay Coal Terminal in Odisha. This is a fully-mechanized terminal at Paradip Port Trust with an annual coal handling capacity of 30 million tons. The coal terminal has been built as a cape compliant terminal and will handle capesize vessels once the dredging at Paradip Port is completed. The terminal has capacity to unload 25 rakes per day and can load two vessels simultaneously. The infrastructure of the terminal is built to ensure higher productivity while reducing overall logistics cost to power producers.

RELIANCE NIPPON LIFE INSURANCE RECORDS STRONG GROWTH IN FY22

Mumbai : Reliance Nippon Life Insurance Company Limited, a JV between Reliance Capital and Nippon Life of Japan, announced its financial results for the year ended March 31, 2022. The key performance highlights as on March 31, 2022 include: Commenting on the company's strong performance in FY22, Mr. Ashish Vohra, ED &

CEO, Reliance Nippon Life Insurance said, "FY22 continued to pose its own set of challenges with the outbreak of the second, and then the third wave of the pandemic. We are grateful for the support we have received from our customers, employees, distributors, service providers and their families, that powered our journey of providing maximum value to each

one of our stakeholders." Mr. Vohra further highlighted that in a volatile economic environment of today, there is a heightened appreciation of Life Insurance for ensuring certainty of life coverage as well as financial investments. These guarantees are designed to drive durable long-term returns and to help customers fulfill their life goals and form the

bedrock of our business model.

The company paid death claims, maturity and survival benefit payouts of over Rs. 1,877 Cr in FY22 and achieved an impressive claims settlement ratio of 98.7% for FY22, up from 98.5% in FY21. The company expeditiously settled 3,517 Covid related claims worth Rs. 117 Cr. within an average period of 9 working days. Mr. Vohra

further commented, "A death claim is the ultimate test of a Life Insurance product, and it is the 'dharma' of a Life Insurer to honour all such claims with speed and accuracy. We continue to be fully committed and financially stable at 235% solvency (against the regulatory requirement of 150%), to meet all customer claims that may arise in the times ahead."

MUMBAI: Experian, the world's leading global information services company, has launched a new PowerCurve® Strategy Management solution, a powerful decisioning solution delivered as software-as-a-service via cloud. The solution is designed to help organisations leverage data and make faster, secure, and informed business decisions.

PowerCurve® is a unified platform that helps businesses understand and leverage their data across the entire customer life cycle – be it acquisition, retention or growth – to make fast, efficient decisions that support their strategic goals. With the new solution, businesses will be able to swiftly adapt their decision-based strategies at lower operational cost while harnessing the power of cloud. Neeraj Dhawan, Managing Director, Experian India, says: "Financial institutions in India are looking for more agile and scalable decisioning solutions. To fulfil their needs, we have come up with a comprehensive suite of solutions to help businesses make better decisions and stay one step ahead."



Afghanistan get the Naib flex in a World Cup win for the ages

New Delhi: Afghanistan came close twice - in 2022 and 2023 - but at the third time of trying, they got their big moment under the dazzling lights of the Aronos Vale Ground in St Vincent by downing World Cup royalty Australia with an outstanding all-round performance. This win for the ages was set up by a third century stand of the tournament between openers Rahmanullah Gurbaz (60) and Ibrahim Zadran (51), but the biggest flex came from veteran Gulbadin Naib, who returned figures of 4 for 20 in the defence of 148. Among his scalps was that of Glenn Maxwell, who was the only Australian standing between Afghanistan and arguably their greatest win in T20 World Cup history.

In the first two phases of the game. At the 15-over mark, Afghanistan were 109/0 while Australia were tottering at 108/6. Afghanistan lost their way at the death on what was a tricky, tacky surface but were able to

exact a similar collapse (7 for 56) off their vaunted opposition, with Maxwell's dismissal in the 15th over for a 41-ball 59 decisively turning the course of the game. Australia opted to bowl after swapping out Mitchell Starc for Ashton Agar. Afghanistan were happy to apply scoreboard pressure and it soon became apparent why as Agar found turn and bounce with the third ball of the innings that beat both batter and the keeper to race away for four byes. The surface also held up a touch for the taller, faster bowlers from Australia and after 23 balls in the PowerPlay, Afghanistan had just 11 on the board before Gurbaz hit Cummins for a shackles-breaking six straight down the ground. Gurbaz put away a short ball from Josh Hazlewood for six over mid-wicket in the following over before his partner Ibrahim Zadran hit three fours from the last six balls he faced in the PowerPlay.

The first four overs post-

PowerPlay - all bowled by spinners - fetched Afghanistan exactly a run-a-ball 24 as the Afghan openers opted for risk-averse methods to reinforce the foundations through the middle overs. They were sprightly in their running between the wickets and were helped along in their budding partnership by some uncharacteristic Australian fielding benevolence. Marcus Stoinis missed a catch on his bowling followthrough to reprise Zadran while Matthew Wade missed a stumping -- off Zampa -- that would have dismissed Gurbaz. Either side of that slip, Gurbaz hit Zampa for a straight six and another misfield in the deep from Agar allowed him to pick up another four. At 109/0 after the 15th over with Gurbaz on 52 and Zadran on 49, Afghanistan were well placed to get to 160 or more with a good final push.

The final flourish, however, didn't come. Gurbaz slapped Stoinis for his fourth six in the 16th over before falling

while charging out and attempting another swipe across the line, only to hit the pull straight to deep square-leg to fall for a 49-ball 60. Stoinis's send-off to Gurbaz - a two-handed wave - was indicative of the pressure the 2021 champions had found themselves in.

Ninety-five balls was the most they'd had to wait in a T20I innings for a wicket, but having made that breakthrough, Australia made quick further inroads into a line-up desperate to add heft to the total. In his final over, Zampa cleaned up

Azmatullah Omarzai with a slider and then produced a short-ball from a front-arm release that got big on Ibrahim Zadran, who ended up splicing it to short third-man.

Cummins then returned with his bag of cutters and exploited the slowish track to great effect. He dismissed Rashid Khan with the last ball of his third over and then had Karim Janat and Gulbadin Naib slogging to fielders in the deep at the start of his final over to complete hat-tricks in successive games.

Mitchell Marsh with a slower ball that the Australian captain looked to hit over mid-off on length but only managed to sky it to the fielder. David Warner fell in the sixth, top-edging a sweep off Mohammad Nabi, as Afghanistan began to make their score seem more than it was by restricting their powerful opponents to their lowest PowerPlay score of the tournament.

Rashid came back to bowl his final over in the innings' 16th. He struck with his first ball as Matthew Wade top-edged a sweep. The situation was now beyond even miracle-man Cummins, who swung across the line to a Naib delivery and was castled by one that kept low. It was the final nail in Australia's coffin and Afghanistan were almost home and dry to celebrate one of their greatest days in the sport. Brief scores: Afghanistan 148/6 in 20 overs (Rahmanullah Gurbaz 60, Ibrahim Zadran 51; Pat Cummins 3/28) beat Australia 127 in 19.2 overs (Glenn Maxwell



Miller handed one demerit point for Level 1 breach



New Delhi: David Miller has been handed an official reprimand and one demerit point for a Level 1 breach of the ICC Code of Conduct during a Super 8s Group 2 match against England in the ongoing Men's T20 World Cup 2024 at the Darren Sammy National Cricket Stadium on Friday.

Miller was guilty of breaching Article 2.8 of

the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates to "showing dissent at an Umpire's decision during an international match." The incident occurred in the penultimate over of South Africa's innings where Miller played a full toss from Sam Curran and expected it to be called a 'no ball' for height. Upon not being

given a no-ball, the South Africa batter showed his displeasure by signaling for a review of the decision whereas it could not have been reviewed. This was Miller's first offence in a 24-month period, which the batter admitted to, and duly accepted the sanction proposed by match referee Jeff Crowe. Therefore, no formal hearing was needed.

On-field umpires Chris Brown and Sharfuddoula Ibne Shahid, third umpire Joel Wilson and fourth umpire Chris Gaffaney levelled the charge.

South Africa are currently atop the Group 2, with two wins in as many games. They will play their last Super 8s fixture against hosts West Indies on Sunday (June 23).



Euro 2024: Belgium get tournament back on track with 2-0 win against Romania

New Delhi: Belgium got their Euro 2024 campaign back on track with a comfortable 2-0 win over Romania in Cologne on June 22, Saturday. Belgium's win left Group E wide open as all 4 teams have equal points.

A goal by Youri Tielemans after 73 seconds and a late one for Kevin De Bruyne gave Belgium a 2-0 win over Romania in an incredible, action-packed game on Saturday that set up a final round showdown with all four teams in Group E on three points. It was a Euro 2024 Saturday night special played in an astonishing atmosphere in Cologne, with the only mystery being how there were only two goals.

It meant that, for the first time in European

Championship history, all four teams in a group are on equal points after two rounds, following Ukraine's 2-1 win over Slovakia on Friday. All outcomes are now available on the final night on Wednesday when Belgium play Ukraine and Slovakia

play Romania, where four points could be enough to top the group but could also see a team eliminated.

Romania and Belgium have the advantage with a plus-one goal difference. Slovakia are on zero and Ukraine on -2 - with those goal differences

the deciding factor should both games end level. "We were very relieved we won the game, it was very important to get three points," said Belgium coach Domenico Tedesco. "Romania gave us a bit more space than Slovakia but with the quality and quantity of our chances it

Shakib puzzled by Bangladesh's decision to field first



New Delhi: Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan seemed to disagree with the team management's decision to bowl first in the Super 8 contest against India in Antigua on Saturday (June 22). "Personally if you ask me in the Caribbean it's one or two games - when England chased that 180. Other than that batting first has been the trend for most of the teams and they have been very successful. So, if you look at the stats, I think, yeah, ideally you would have batted first, but maybe the captain and coach thought otherwise," Shakib said. He went on, "These are

not the issues of experience or seniority. When there is a leader, a captain, it's his decision. If we would do well, the credit would go to the captain. If we did bad, we question the decision of the coach and captain. It's normal. It seems very reasonable to me. But that's how it goes. It's how the game is played. If you could see that we took two wickets in the first two overs, then you would think that it was a good decision. Since there were no wickets in the first two overs, naturally we thought that it would be better if we were batting first in this wicket."

He also seemed to disagree with the decision to open the bowling with spinners. Shakib himself bowled the second over after the innings was

opened by off-spinner Mahedi Hasan. Shakib, in fact, bowled two of the first four overs, of which three were sent down by spinners. "Well, that's difficult for me to explain. It's the coach and captain's decision. They make the decision who to bowl, when to bowl. So, it's hard for me to do this

explain," he remarked. "But from what I can understand, we thought that the wicket would be a little slower. It looked a little drier, maybe at the start of the game. So that's why they thought that there might be some help for the spinners. So that's why I think the captain decided to go with the spinners." "We need to understand how to play the 170-180 game." Meanwhile, Shakib expressed disappointment against the team's failure to put up any modicum of a fight against the two strong sides - Australia and India - they've faced